



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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APRIL 4, 2005

### RAINS DELAY SPRING FIELDWORK

Farmers are beginning to plant some vegetable crops for the 2005 crop season. **Green peas** and **potatoes** are being planted with hopes that other vegetable crops like **snap beans**, **sweet corn** and **tomatoes** will get underway shortly. **Field corn** will begin to be planted in a few weeks assuming the weather remains favorable.

Air temperatures averaged in the 50's last week and most farmers in Delaware received over two inches of rain; delaying field work. On average there were **1.2 days suitable for field work** for the week ending April 3, 2005.

Small grains are in fair to good condition. **Winter wheat** is rated 3 percent excellent, 77 percent good, and 20 percent fair. **Barley** condition is rated 16 percent excellent, 65 percent good, 17 percent fair and 2 percent poor. As the weather continues to warm, heads will begin to form on small grains.

**Pastures** are in fair to good condition with 5 percent rated excellent, 73 percent good, and 22 percent fair. **Hay supplies** are 70 percent adequate and 30 percent short.

### DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Planting Progress:				
Green Peas	18	-	26	22
Potatoes	9	-	16	15

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	-	100
Topsoil (2004)	-	-	60	40
Five Year Average	1	5	69	25
Subsoil Moisture	-	5	67	28
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	67	33
Five Year Average	9	7	69	15

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	4.06	12.62	2.77	64	38	50	3
Easton	3.10	15.08	4.07	63	39	51	0
Frederick	3.99	11.38	2.68	67	37	49	5
Frostburg	3.30	12.86	2.23	63	29	44	2
Hagerstown	2.97	8.53	0.05	64	37	48	2
Mechanicsville	3.39	12.33	1.16	64	36	50	-1
Patuxent River	3.05	11.55	1.72	63	42	51	0
Ocean City	2.38	13.05	0.98	57	35	48	-3
Salisbury	2.44	13.04	1.42	62	32	50	2
Sharpsburg	3.57	10.68	1.98	67	36	48	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	3.83	11.63	2.76	66	40	52	0
Delaware							
Dover	2.77	11.39	0.92	63	37	49	-1
Georgetown	2.39	11.39	0.22	63	35	50	3
Wilmington	4.83	12.36	2.66	62	36	49	2

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